



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
ATSUSHI OHTANI, ET AL. ) : Examiner: Ngoc Yen T Vu  
Application No.: 08/878,581 ) : Group Art Unit: 2612  
Filed: June 19, 1997 ) :  
For: IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS ) :  
AND METHOD : December 28, 2005

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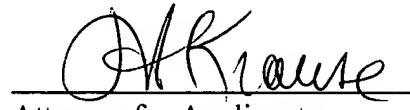
Sir:

In response to a PTO Notice dated December 13, 2005, to the effect that the PTO lost the above-identified patent application, and in response to the related PTO request for a copy of that application, attached is a copy of all of the documents exchanged between Applicant and the PTO, as well as a list of all of such documents, with relation to that application.

Applicant's undersigned counsel hereby states that the attached copy is a complete and accurate copy of all of the correspondence between the PTO and Applicant which is included in counsel's file, and that counsel is presently unaware of any correspondence between the PTO and Applicant that is not among the attached records.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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LIST OF DOCUMENTS FORWARDED RE PTO LOST FILE  
RE: U.S. APPLICATION NO. 08/878,581

12/13/05	PTO Notice of Lost Application
6/30/04	RCE, Preliminary Amendment
4/19/04	Request for Corrected Notice of Allowability
4/06/04	Notice of Allowance, Notice of Allowability
01/23/04	Amendment
10/23/03	Office Action
10/2/03	Fax cover sheet and stamped postcard re forwarding of copies of previous RCE and Preliminary Amendment dated May 12, 2003
5/29/03	Letter submitting translations
5/12/03	RCE, Preliminary Amendment, Suppl. Information Disclosure Statement
4/28/03	PTO Pilot Project Notice and attachment
2/12/03	Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability
1/16/03	Amendment
10/16/02	Office Action
7/22/02	Amendment
4/22/02	Office Action
1/15/02	RCE and Petition for Extension and Information Disclosure Statement
11/29/01	Advisory Action
11/6/01	Petition for Extension and Amendment

7/17/01	Office Action
4/30/01	Amendment
1/30/01	Office Action
11/8/00	Extension Request and CPA
10/11/00	Advisory Action
9/19/00	Amendment
6/21/00	Office Action
4/3/00	Extension Request and Amendment and Claim for Priority
10/4/99	Office Action
7/13/99	Status Request
3/11/98	Duplicate Filing Receipt received
11/12/97	Filing Receipt received
11/10/97	Request for Filing Receipt
8/2?/97	Recordation Notice received
6/18/97	Forwarding letter, and Assignment Recordal request, and Declaration, and Application



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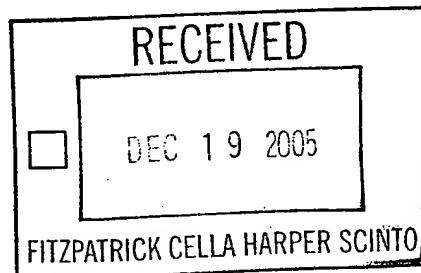


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Applicant is given a period of **THREE (3) MONTHS** from the mailing date of this notice within which to provide a copy of applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), a list of such correspondence, and a statement that the copy is a complete and accurate copy of applicant's record of all of the correspondence between the Office and the applicant for the above-identified application (except for U.S. patent documents), and whether applicant is aware of any correspondence between the Office and applicant for the above-identified application that is not among applicant's records.

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A printout from PALM of the contents of the file of the above-identified application is included with this notice.

Direct the reply to this notice to:

Please reply by January 6  
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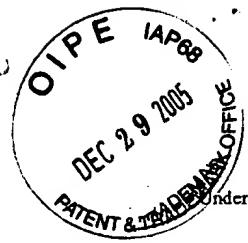
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